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Column One
By
David Courtney

PRESIDENT Truman's "State of the Union" message was a counterblast to the raucous trumpets of isolationism blown by the Hoover-Taft-Kennedy trio. The internal effect of the message cannot easily be reckoned. A great deal will depend on whether Mr. Hoover and Senator Taft have indeed touched off a public trend towards isolationism. On the side of domestic legislation, presented by the President in a ten-point programme, there is nothing unexpected. American Liberals may observe, wryly, the timid proposal towards the end of the legislative programme for some consideration of the "urgent needs of elementary and secondary schools." For the rest, the preoccupation is with armies and armaments and the money to pay for them.

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ONE important thing made clear by the President's message is that the danger of American isolationism is real. It is real, not because an ex-President and a possible future President have rescued it from the camp of displaced ideas and brought it back into general circulation. It has been brought about by a burgeoning reaction against national war hysteria, and the slow dawning upon thoughtful minds of the hard fact that the United States and the other Powers of the Atlantic Alliance are far from being in a position logically to follow up the hysteria with war and a fair chance of swift victory.

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THE Hoover outburst was taken more seriously in Europe than it might have been because it was known that Senator Taft's advisers on foreign affairs had been propounding a new policy along the Hoover line that Communism bore the seeds of its own extinction and, if left to itself in Europe, might be expected in good time to burn itself out. Mr. Hoover had put it this way: "We can hope that sometime the evils of Communism and the disintegration of their racial controls will bring their own disintegration. It is remote consolation but twice before in world history Asiatic hordes have swept over a large part of the world and their racial dissensions dissolved their empires." The speech subsequently made by Senator Taft made it clear that there was more to the ex-President's isolationism than mere nostalgia.

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FOR that matter, Senator Taft refuses to admit that it is isolationism or anything of the kind. "I would say that anybody is an idiot who calls anyone else an isolationist." A considerable group of Republicans feel the same way, and a growing popular opinion, shocked by events in Korea, startled by the country's unpreparedness for war, disheartened by the awakening suspicion that the atom bomb is no guarantee of swift and certain victory after all, and troubled in daily life by the effects of taxation and inflation, may be ready to accept the Taft-Hoover estimate of history and current likelihoods. It is questionable whether Mr. Truman's retort will make much difference to such public opinion, or whether it will halt the trend's movement from a minority to a majority phase. "Soviet command of the manpower of the free nations of Europe and Asia," he said, "would confront us with military forces which we could never hope to equal." It would also, he added, confront the United States with a preponderating economic power. This is probably a just calculation but it is also a very frightening one; and Senator Taft will find plenty of Americans to agree with him when he implies, as he did on Monday, that the Administration's present policy may bring about exactly that situation.

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THE President's willingness to negotiate "honourable settlement" with Russia suggests that he, too, like Britain and France, is aware of the danger.

Tel Aviv, January 10.

Shragai Elected J'lem Mayor

By Robert Gary, POST Reporter

Climaxing almost two months of political manoeuvring, the rightist coalition majority of the Jerusalem Municipal Council finally succeeded yesterday in electing Mr. S. Z. Shragai (Orthodox Bloc) Mayor of the capital. Three Deputy Mayors were also elected: Mr. E. Eliashar, who headed the General Zionist List; Mr. M. Glickman-Porush (Orthodox Bloc); and Mr. M. Rubin (Herut).

The election went off quickly and smoothly as the coalition of Orthodox, General Zionist and Herut members, which had earlier showed signs of falling apart, acted in unison and pushed through its candidate by an 11 to nine vote. The coalition's twelfth member, Rabbi M. Cohen, did not attend, as there still is some question as to his eligibility.

Immediately after the election, the out-going Mayor, Mr. Daniel Auster, made a hard-hitting attack on the two leading parties in the coalition. Addressing the General Zionists he noted that he had been a member of long standing in that Party. "The very persons who regarded me as a brother, 'were my friends and knew how to ask for favours — they acted as they did toward me," he said. "Is that part of the General Zionist ideology?"

"No Victory"

Turning to the Orthodox Bloc, he chided them for "inventing" the election phrase, "an orthodox man for Mayor." He noted that in most elections political parties stressed the honesty and the administrative ability of their candidates. "It was just some more camouflage, but you will see that you cannot turn the clock back," he said. "You have no future. The future is for the Left and Centre, but not the type of Centre here. You believe you have won a victory," he said to the Orthodox group, "but if you have another political victory like this one you will disappear."

Raising his voice and turning to the right, he shouted: "I never fled from Jerusalem. I stayed here with my family. I never offered Abdullah the city."

In a review of his 16 years in office Mr. Auster observed that he had carried out the tasks of Mayor as a "devoted servant."

He concluded by declaring that he had submitted his resignation and could not "stay as a Council member under the present circumstances." Mr. Auster then told the new Mayor to assume office and left the room. As he passed Mr. Shragai the latter asked him to stay for the session. Mr. Auster replied: "Not for one minute."

Mr. Shragai, who also is a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, made a brief speech in which he said that he prayed that his administration would succeed. The 61-year-old Mayor also announced that he would shortly present to the Council his programme for the city.

Mayor Shragai then moved for the election of three deputy Mayors. Dr. A. Amdur (General Zionists) nominated Mr. Eliashar, and recommended that he be designated to "replace the Mayor in the latter's absence." This touched off a heated debate, recalling reports that although Mr. Shragai would be the elected Mayor, Mr. Eliashar would be the actual city head since Mr. Shragai would often be absent because of his Jewish Agency duties.

Cede to Opposition

The majority yielded to the opposition's objection that the "replacement point" was not on the agenda. Mayor Shragai later told reporters that there would be "no changes in the Jewish Agency Executive until the Congress," thus indicating that he had no intention of resigning from his post with the Agency.

Dr. Amdur then nominated the three deputies, all of whom were elected by another 11-9 vote.

Mr. R. Shari (Mapai) and Mr. A. Koblanoff (Mapam) then gave notice that they would constitute a "fighting" opposition" against "any attempt to set up a ghetto in Jerusalem." Dr. W. Abeles (Progressives) attacked the coalition's past action that "made the capital dependent on other cities."

Coalition representatives stressed the need for unity and called upon the opposition to cooperate with it. Speakers included Messrs. Eliashar, Amdur, Glickman-Porush and A. Treger (Orthodox Bloc).

Dr. A. Biran, District Representative, congratulated the new municipality and thanked the outgoing one.

Peace Protest Rally Turns Anti-Shragai

A protest meeting by several hundred Jerusalem Partisans of Peace yesterday against the rearming of West Germany turned into an "anti-Shragai" rally.

After hearing speeches by Knesset members A. Zisling and Feiga Ilanit, both of Mapam, and M. Wilner (Communist) near the Histadrut building, the demonstrators moved down Rehov Ben Yehuda to the Municipality on Jaffa Road where the mayoralty election had just been completed. The demonstrators soon replaced their anti-German remarks with cries against the newly-elected mayor and the Orthodox Bloc.

A small rally by young Orthodox followers who were celebrating the occasion in front of the Municipality soon interrupted their festivities. The shouts from both sides were distinctly audible in the Council chamber.

Police reported that no arrests had been made and described the peace rally as orderly.

I.P.O. Gives Concert Preview in New York

By Jessie Zel Lurie, Cabled to The POST

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—Two thousand people jampacked the Waldorf Astoria ballroom yesterday for a preview concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Many paid $100 a plate for the dinner which preceded the concert, raising nearly $200,000 for the American Fund for Israel Institutions, sponsors of the tour.

Music critics were not invited, as it was explained this was not a regular concert. Since I am not a music critic, I may safely say that never have I been so thrilled by a symphony orchestra since I heard the inauguration concert at the Levant Fair Hall under Toscanini's baton 14 years ago.

The concert began after 10 o'clock, following the dinner and speeches, with the playing of the Brahms Fourth Symphony.

After Brahms, the orchestra accompanied three excellent American-Jewish artists — Jennie Tourel, singing (in Hebrew) "Lamentations" from Bernstein's "Jeremiah" symphony; Isaac Stern, soloist in Lalo's "Symphonie Espagnole"; and Jan Peerce, tenor.

But the highlight of the evening was Marc Lavry's "Emek," which concluded the programme. Played after midnight, it kept the large audience enthralled to the very end. The music was strange to the audience. It was the first American presentation, but the orchestra played with such verve and feeling, that inquiries have already been made as to when it will be recorded.

Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and Former Secretary of War Robert Patterson were the principal speakers at the dinner.

Justice Frankfurter praised Israel's efforts at mediation between East and West and said that although there is material austerity in Israel at present, the nation has an "abundance in every domain of mind and spirit."

Mr. Patterson said the pioneering spirit and instinct of Israel has "captured the imagination and the conscience of the American people."

3 Missions To United States

Rabbi Yehudah L. Maimon, Minister of Religious Affairs, and Mr. Pinhas Lavon (Lubianiker), Minister of Agriculture, are due to leave by El Al tonight for the U.S.

Rabbi Maimon will clarify religious questions in relation to Israel, and will attempt to strengthen the religious ties between American Jewry and Israel. He will tour 10 cities.

The Minister of Agriculture is visiting the U.S. in connection with Israel's supply and equipment problems.

Rabbi Maimon will be accompanied by Mr. Yehuda Spiegel, Secretary-General of the Ministry.

Mr. Menahem Gapir, Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, and Aloof Ephraim Ben-Artzi, Quartermaster-General, left for the U.S. by T.W.A. plane yesterday. They were seen off at the airport by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aloof Yigael Yadin, and other senior G.H.Q. officers.

BETTER PROSPECTS IN STERLING TALKS

LONDON, Tuesday. — Negotiations with Britain on the release of sterling balances have been held up because of the illness of Mr. David Horowitz, who is suffering from an attack of influenza.

An invitation for the resumption of talks may be issued by the Treasury this week-end, and it is believed there are now better prospects for their successful conclusion and the release of some £13m. within the next 18 months.

A written statement concerning the sterling release was submitted to the British Treasury by the Israel delegation on Friday.

US Must Fight If USSR Attacks Europe—Taft

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, Republican policy leader, said in a speech today that he was in favour of warning Russia that an attack on Western Europe would mean war with the United States.

Addressing the National Press Club, Senator Taft said that he was still opposed to sending more U.S. ground forces to Europe now. He maintained that America should concentrate on building up massive sea and air forces.

Senator Taft called for a ten-year middle-course programme to prepare the U.S. for possible war without wrecking its economy.

"I am quite prepared to sit down with President Truman or anybody else and try to work out a programme which will have the support of the people," he said.

Mr. Taft said he thought that building an international army in Western Europe is "more likely to bring war than to bring peace." He said the question of sending American troops to Western Europe must be based on assumptions as to whether Soviet Russia will or will not attack the countries on this side of the Iron Curtain.

He asserted that if they do not plan an attack, there is no need for an international army of Atlantic Pact nations. If they do plan to attack, he continued, "why should they wait three years for us to build a great army?"

Mr. Taft added that the fear of American atomic bombs is the greatest deterrent of a Russian attack. He said that three years from now, the U.S. would be more able than now to bomb Russian plants because the "net result of waiting would be to give us a greater advantage than it would give them." (Reuter, UP).

U.N. Counter-Attack South of Wonju

TOKYO, Tuesday (AP). — Allied troops fought today to slow the Communist tide rolling towards the heart of South Korea and menacing the American Eighth Army's retreat route to the old Pusan beachhead. Two U.N. battalions attacked a North Korean force three km. south of the battle-wrecked Wonju road hub abandoned yesterday to the Communists.

An Allied regiment counter-attacked strong forces ten kms. southwest of Wonju. Allied artillery slammed shells into the Communists and fighter bombers roared down in close support.

Field dispatches said that fighting was still raging shortly before midnight tonight. The counter-attack was in the area where Communists gained a km. yesterday and Allied forces later recovered most of the ground.

Action of the west front south of abandoned Osan was limited to patrols. But army intelligence reported the Chinese building a massive attacking force around Osan. At least two Chinese armies of possibly 50,000 or more troops were spotted in that area.

Israel Seeks Joint U.N. Resolution

LAKE SUCCESS, Tuesday — (INA) — The Israel U.N. delegation consulted today with others on the possible presentation to the Political Committee Thursday of a resolution embodying its ideas for a peace settlement in Korea.

Israel suggested a "line of approach" to the problem and conditions appear to favour a resolution along this line. The Israel delegation is anxiously seeking a joint, rather than an individual, sponsorship of a formal proposal.

Russia's Jacob Malik yesterday criticized Israel's peace plan because it provided for a gradual instead of an immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea. But he did not attack other points.

Allies, W. Germans Hold Arms Parley

BONN, Tuesday (Reuter). — Allied and West German representatives today completed their first meeting on the rearmament of West Germany for Atlantic defence.

An Allied spokesman described the atmosphere at the three-hour meeting, at which occupation officials and German ex-colonels negotiated on an equal footing for the first time since the war, as very cheerful.

Austin Outlines Korea Programme

ATLANTIC CITY, Tuesday (AP). — The U.S. Chief Delegate to the U.N., Mr. Warren Austin, tonight outlined a four-point programme to meet the Korean crisis.

He rejected any direct war against the Communist-held China mainland and told the Association of American Colleges that the U.S. is trying to muster support in the U.N. for a programme featuring the following points:

1. A finding that the Chinese Communists have flouted U.N. authority and committed aggression.

2. Reaffirmation of U.N. purposes in Korea calling for the withdrawal of Chinese Communists and for all U.N. members to refrain from assisting the aggressor.

Proportion to Ability

3. A call for each member to support action decided upon by the U.N. in proportion to its ability.

4. A move to activate immediately the newly-created Collective Security Committee to consider means to meet existing aggression and to prevent further aggression.

Mr. Austin said that the high strategy of American policy is to stand by the principles for which the U.S. entered the Korean war.

"We must never let an aggressor, be he large or small, convert temporary military successes into the defeat of those principles." He added: "No responsible authority proposed to march into the morass of the China mainland."

Israel Will Not End War with Germany

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Israel will not end her state of war with Germany.

The "exceptional circumstances" of Israel make it impossible for her to take action parallel to that of the U.S., the U.K., and France, the Government said in a note handed to representatives of the three countries by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at Hakirya this morning.

The three governments had informed Israel on October 24 that they intended terminating their state of war with Germany. It was suggested in the notes to Israel that the government do the same "if it saw fit." Identical notes were delivered at that time to a large number of other states as well.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that the "exceptional circumstances" were "derived from the experience of a substantial number of inhabitants of Israel." They had been "affected physically and morally by the ghastly events which the Jews suffered in Germany itself and in its satellite states during the second World War."

The spokesman in reply to a question that the Government would take steps to deal with the question of claims due to Israel from Germany.

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee yesterday discussed German rearmament, and the majority approved a resolution opposing the armament of both Eastern and Western Germany. Minority proposals were tabled by Mapam and the Communists, and a final vote will be taken in the plenary.

U.S. Bank Loan Bill Passes First Reading 48—14

The American Credit Bill ratifying the $35,000,000 Export-Import Bank loan for agricultural development and authorizing the Finance Minister to negotiate loans for another $55,000,000 passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

The vote was 48 to 14, with Mapam and the Communists voting to return the bill to the Government.

Finance Minister Kaplan, in his speech winding up the debate, announced that he was prepared to delete "American" from the title of the bill to designate that the Government was seeking credits in many countries in the East and West.

Some Knesset members who finally voted to send the bill to the Finance Committee for quick action said in the debate that they favoured only the clause ratifying the $35,000,000 loan, but were opposed to granting the Government a free hand to negotiate further loans without reference to the Knesset. The issue will be fought out this morning in the Finance Committee and the bill is expected to return to the House for a final reading today.

"Point Four" Protest

Mapam yesterday tabled a motion designed to prevent the Government from negotiating Truman "Point Four" aid and other credits given on certain conditions, but the House Committee ruled during the supper recess that the bill could not be voted upon at this time.

Defending the clause permitting the Government to negotiate further credits without Knesset approval, Mr. Kaplan said the Government wanted to stockpile essential supplies and needed money. There had been one instance where a foreign government which had been approached for credits asked the Anglo-Palestine Bank whether the Government had the legal right to sign credit pacts. The purpose of the bill was to remove possible difficulties of this kind when time was pressing.

The Minister informed the House that the $35,000,000 loan was for 15 years at 3½ per cent.

Taking issue with Mapam members who objected to the provision that the funds be spent for American goods, Mr. Kaplan said this condition was reasonable. The pur-

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Crossman Report Unfounded—Aranne

The chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, Mr. Zalman Aranne, described as "irresponsible and dangerous" the statement by Mr. Richard Crossman, M.P., that Israel would welcome the return of the British to this country.

Referring to Mr. Crossman's article in the "Sunday Pictorial," Mr. Aranne said: "We all witness with satisfaction the manifestations of growing friendship by England toward the State of Israel. I think it is a sign of statesmanlike balance on the part of the Jews of Israel that they are trying to forget the past and do their part to promote friendly relations."

"But that is as far as it goes," Mr. Aranne said. "Irresponsible talk that the Jews of Israel are ready to welcome the return of the British to this country may prove harmful and dangerous if the British people believe it."

Gratitude to America

The speaker also took exception to Mr. Crossman's statement that Israelis had "cooled off" toward America. "This is not true, and it is dangerous gossip," he said.

"The Jews of Israel deeply and sincerely appreciate the assistance given them by the American people and their government," he added.

"For two years of great distress," he went on, "the American people have been the only ones in the world who, without either economic or political conditions, have given us aid, and are doing so to this very day. The nation will remember that."

(Leader—Pg. 4; "Times"—Pg. 5)

U.K., India Seek China, U.S. Compromise

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — Britain and India were reported tonight seeking a U.S.-China compromise to end the Korean war and so sidestep a U.N. showdown.

Backed broadly by their seven partners, they hope thus to preserve the unity of the British-led bloc and to stave off a possible rift with the U.S.

The Foreign Ministers are divided on Point One of Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin's six-point Far East peace plan, which seeks recognition of Communist China as a first step towards ending the Korean conflict.

The other points in the "Bevin plan" submitted last night to the conference, are: a cease-fire and the creation of a "cordon sanitaire," setting up of a U.N. commission to deal with immediate problems; a "phased" withdrawal of both Chinese and U.S. forces; a free and impartial plebiscite for a united Korea.

The Ministers agreed today it was important that there should be an early peace treaty with Japan," a communique stated.

An official spokesman said later the Prime Ministers were of the opinion that talks on a treaty should be attended by all belligerents in the Pacific during the last war — including Communist China and Russia. But the Ministers agreed that discussions should go on if any of the nations concerned refused to attend.

The conference thought it would be possible to accord ad hoc recognition to China for such a special purpose.

They also stepped the question of whether Russia and China would agree to take part in Japanese treaty negotiations by agreeing this was a matter which would have to be settled elsewhere.

Australia and New Zealand who firm that strong safeguards must be imposed to limit heavy Japanese armament, naval and mercantile fleets, and heavy industries. India suggested that no limiting clauses should be included in a treaty as the growth of these heavy industries could be controlled through the allocation of the materials.

It was authoritatively stated tonight that the Ministers "reached a very considerable measure of common ground" on their U.N. policies. All are agreed on the importance of limiting the extent of the Korean war, it was added.

Middle East Discussed

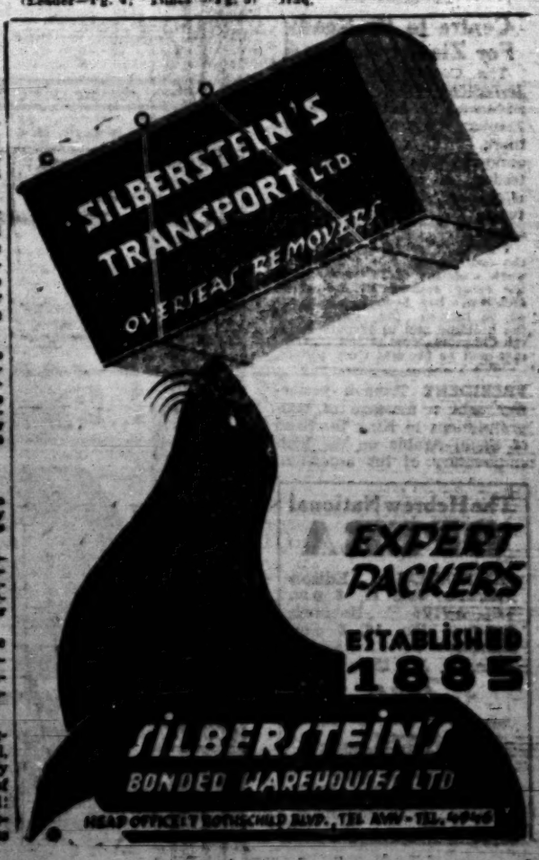
The communique said the ministers went on to discuss the Middle East today. These talks were mainly concerned with political and economic questions.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin gave the conference an account of his talks here with Egyptian Foreign Minister Salah e-Din Bey following King Farouk's demand that British troops should quit Egypt.

The basis of today's discussion was the general view that the Middle East is a vital area for the Commonwealth and the world because of its communications, its importance as a strategic centre, and its resources in oil and other materials.

It was expected that the guidance at the conference of Pakistan Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan would substantially influence the Prime Ministers in their consideration of specific Middle East problems.

Mr. Bevin gave an account of the Owen Falls power and irrigation scheme and irrigation projects in Iraq.



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Social & Personal

Mr. [illegible], Minister of Agriculture; Mr. Zvi Luzzatto, Member of the Tel Aviv Municipal Council, and Mr. Sclig Lubianiker, Director of Histadrut housing projects, have changed their name to Lavon.

Bibles bound in silver, their covers embossed with the Jerusalem City Seal, were sent recently to the Mayors of The Hague and of Miami, by former Mayor Daniel Auster. Mr. Auster had received a picture of ancient Hague from that city's Mayor, and a golden key of Miami, as well as a certificate of freedom of the city of Miami.

Mr. Shabtai Rosenne, Legal Adviser to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, has returned to Israel by El Al from London.

Mr. Sidney Van den Bergh, one of the directors of Lever Bros. and Uni-Lever Ltd, and Vice Chairman of the Israel-British Chamber of Commerce, has arrived for a short stay in Israel.

Mr. Y. Papo, of Messrs. Richardson & Co., Advocates, has returned by air from a business trip to the Continent and the United States.

Professor Henri Gregoire, member of the Royal Academy of Belgium, will deliver the second of two guest lectures (in English) on "The Epos and History" at Terra Sancta College, room 29a, at 8 p.m. today. The public is invited.

Mrs. Helen Bentwich, Vice-Chairman of the London County Council, will speak (in English) before the Jerusalem Association of University Women on "The Citizen and Local Government in England" at 8.30 tomorrow evening at the Bet Hahalutzot in Jerusalem. The public is invited.

Dr. A. Abrahamowitz, Director of the Municipal Hospital, Tel Aviv, will speak on "Municipal Administration and Public Health" at the luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv Rotary Club tomorrow.

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Israel Medical Association a meeting of the country's physicians will take place at the Tel Aviv Museum at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

The exhibition of occupational therapy at the Talbieh Hospital of Mental Diseases in Jerusalem will be on view on Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MARRIAGE

BARNETT-BERG

The marriage took place in Tel Aviv on Tuesday, January 9, 1951, between Joseph Harry Barnett, A.M.I.C.E., of Glasgow and Dr. Hanna Berg, of Tel Aviv.

Kaplansky, Mohar Awarded Prizes

HAIFA, Tuesday — The Haifa municipality today distributed its two annual Ruppin prizes (IL.150 each) for the year's best works of Hebrew poetry and of social science. The poetry award went to Mr. Meir Mohar for his collection of poems entitled "Ayin Be'ayin," published by "Dvir" for the Hebrew Writers' Association.

The late Dr. Shlomo Kaplansky was posthumously awarded the social science prize for his book: "Vision and Fulfilment."

Centre to Be Ready For Zionist Congress

The Convention Centre in Jerusalem will be far enough advanced by July 11 for the Zionist Congress to meet there, "Binyanay Ha'Coma" announced in Jerusalem yesterday. A contract to that effect was signed recently between Solel Boneh and the company.

The work schedule set up in the contract takes into account a work stoppage of 25 days during the rainy season. Mr. Elhanani, architect, has been commissioned to furnish the interior of the building and to prepare it for the Congress. Most of the furnishings will be brought from abroad.

PRESIDENT Truman yesterday sent a message of congratulations to King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia on the 25th anniversary of his accession

The Hebrew National
OPERA
JERUSALEM: Edison
Thursday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m.
TEL AVIV: Habimah
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 8 p.m.
HAIFA: Armon
Thursday, Jan. 25, 9 p.m.
Zanzat
Opera in 3 acts by Gounod
(French version)
Sung in HEBREW, ARIA
Conductor: [illegible]
Producer: [illegible]
Scenery: [illegible]
Costumes: [illegible]
Ballet: [illegible]
Chorus: [illegible]
Tickets: [illegible]

Ampal to Finance 3 Luxury Hotels, Wallboard Factory

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Three new luxury hotels, a wallboard factory which will produce for export only, and an organization for the promotion of tourism are among the projects to be undertaken this year by Ampal, the American-Palestine Trading Company.

This was announced at a press meeting today by Mr. A.D. Dickenstein, president of the Organization, who is on a short visit to this country. Ampal, which was founded in 1942 "to lend a hand" to the development of the Jewish State, has done more than $70m. business since its inception, and expects this year's turn-over to reach $30m.

The project to establish a chain of luxury hotels in Israel was originally sponsored by a leading U.S. hotel owner in conjunction with a group of American investors, and has been incorporated in the U.S. under the name of "Israel Hotels, Inc."

Jordan Valley Factory

This year, three "Ampal Houses" will be built: in Beersheba, in Tel Aviv, and in Jerusalem, Mr. Dickenstein said.

The organization has established tourist agencies in the U.S., and has arranged prepaid tours. The tourist office will work in conjunction with the "Tiyur v'Tiyul" bureau here.

A wallboard factory, which will utilize the sawdust of the plywood factory at Afikim and eucalyptus lumber will be set up in the Jordan Valley. It will require almost no foreign exchange since its raw materials will come from local sources.

During the past three years, Mr. Dickenstein stated, the Israel Purchasing Service, one of Ampal's many subsidiaries, had shipped $27m. worth of American goods to Israel. The same company is also engaged in importing Israel products.

Another subsidiary, the American-Israel Housing Corporation, plans to build houses in Israel for Americans of their relatives in Israel to be paid for in dollars. Apartments have already been erected or are in the building stage in Holon, Givat Rambam near Tel Aviv, and Haifa. Mr. Dickenstein said. A "luxury" two-roomed flat will be sold for $5,000 and a larger size apartment for $7,200.

CITRUS CONTROL BOARD CONFERS WITH KAPLAN

Members of the Citrus Control Board met Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan in Jerusalem last night, but the result of the discussion was not made public.

Another meeting will be held this morning and it is expected that the harvest strike will be discussed in the Knesset.

Loan Bill

(Continued from Page 1)

pose of the American bank was to stimulate exports. Other countries which had extended credits, such as Belgium and Switzerland, had also stipulated that the funds be spent in their respective countries.

The House yesterday also: 1. Passed amendments to the Patents and Designs Ordinance empowering the Government to restrict the rights of inventors and patent holders during emergency periods. This power was previously enjoyed under the Defence Regulations of 1939, which will lapse in June.

2. Completed the first reading of a bill extending for the duration of the emergency period the Emergency Regulation fixing a security zone of 10 kilometres from the borders north of the 31st parallel and 20 kilometres deep in the Negev, south of the parallel.

3. Passed to the Economic Committee without the debate a draft amendment to the Salvage Ordinance providing that the Minister of Communications may appoint a receiver of salvaged goods and responsible port officials shall act as receivers unless other appointments are made.

4. Began the first reading of an amendment to the Protection of Cultivators Ordinance incorporating clauses of the Defence Regulation 48a which expires on June 10.

Public Works

The Finance Committee of the Knesset yesterday agreed to divert IL.2,000,000 of various Development budget appropriations to public works in order to create 200—350,000 workdays between now and the middle of April to alleviate the unemployment situation.

Half the sum will be spent by the Ministry of Labour, IL.750,000 by Municipalities and Local Councils, and the balance will go for such works as afforestation.

C.o.L. of 1,000 Families To Be Investigated

A survey of the standard of living of 1,000 families will be made during February by the Bureau of Statistics.

The research is being executed in connection with the preparation of a new cost of living index. The project will round out similar investigations made in August, 1950, and in cases where it is possible, it will re-investigate the families questioned at that time.

Meanwhile, the Bureau is completing the tabulation of material gathered in August, and will soon publish a report on changes in the standard of living between 1939 and 1950. The report will also profile price changes between June, 1949 and December, 1950 according to consumption in August 1950.

Foreign Exchange

Exchange rates on January 5 (Geneva rates in Swiss fr. first, and N.Y. prices in dollars in second column) were:

United States (dollars)	4.28½	—
Great Britain (pound)	10.58	2.49
France (100 fr.)	1.09½	0.259
W. Germany (100 mk.)	77.50	18.00
Belgium (100 fr.)	8.42	1.95
Holland (100 guilden)	102.75	24.70
Sweden (100 kronor)	66.00	15.50
Denmark (100 kr.)	43.00	10.10
Norway (100 kr.)	43.00	10.10
Egypt (Ex. pound)	10.60	2.47
Israel (Is. pound)	5.25	1.14
Palestine (Pal. pound)	7.75	—
Turkey (Turk. pound)	1.13	—
Geneva (100 fr.)	—	23.32
Italy (100 lire)	0.60	0.140
Argentina (10a pesos)	25.00	—

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON TUESDAY

St. Anthony, Br., Gen. Cargo.
Georgios G., Gr., Wheat.
Hadar, Is., Potatoes, Gen. Cargo.
General Rivers, Lib., Molasse.
Giuseppe Croce, It., Hay.
Yaffo, Is., Gen. Cargo.
Marcella, Ita., Compl. Unloading.
Paul Revere, U.S., Wood.
Hemse'jeh, Nor., Waiting to load Citrus
Galilah, Is., Compl. Unloading.
Commodore Grant, Br., Gen. Cargo
Komemiut, Is., Wood.
Southern Island, Br., Gen. Cargo.
Cayrol, Is., Bagged Cargo

ANCHORED IN HAIFA BAY

Letitia	Italian
Vingaland	Swedish
Borealis	Danish

DEPARTURES IN PAST 24 HRS.

Eskaeli	Turkish
Kaptanoglou	Turkish
Samaria	Panamanian
Shark	Turkish
Stuart Prince	British
Gianio	Italian
Lewant	Polish

SHIPS EXPECTED

Date	Ship	Cargo
9	Kars	Cattle.
9	Hellenic Chrisoula	Gen. Cargo
9	Pine Ridge	Rice
9	Lechistan	Gen. Cargo, Citrus trees.
9	Herakles	Fodder, Coffee, Tobacco, Conserves, Cotton, Household Effects.
9	Artza	Immigrants, Passengers, Gen. Cargo, Mail-Sacks
10	San Angela	Wheat, Soyabean

SHIPS IN TEL AVIV PORT ON TUESDAY

Lechistan, Pol., wood, discharged 235 tons.
Venetian, Gen. Cargo, discharged 205 tons.
Palermo, Br., Gen. Cargo (in Jaffa Port), discharged 185 tons.

SHIPS EXPECTED

Date	Ship	Cargo
10	Excylona	Gen. Cargo
11	Siva	
	Samaria	
	San Ander	
	Yaffo	

STATE OF ISRAEL

הודעות לציבור

Notices to the Public

FOOD CONTROL ORDINANCE, 1942.

Order regarding the Prohibition Against Using Bread for Fodder.

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Section 4 of the Food Control Ordinance, 1942, I hereby order as follows:

1. In this Order, "Bread," is to be interpreted anything baked in any form whatever, whether fresh or old as well as any mixture containing it. "The Controller" is to be interpreted in the ordinary sense as set out in the Food Control Ordinance, 1942.

2. No person shall use bread, or buy or come into possession of bread in any form whatever for the purposes of feeding livestock unless he has special written permission to do so.

3. (a.) No person shall sell, or offer for sale, bread; nor shall he transfer or leave out of his possession bread for purposes of feeding livestock.

(b) Any person who sells, who offers for sale, who transfers or lets out of his possession, bread to a consumer in quantities and in circumstances not normal for that consumer's personal needs will be taken to indicate that the transfer, leaving out of his possession, sale, or offer for sale, is for purposes of feeding livestock unless he can prove the opposite.

4. The instructions of this Order add to, and do not detract from, instructions contained in any other Order.

5. A transgression against any instruction of those contained in this Order constitutes an offence against the Food Control Ordinance, 1942.

6. This Order shall come into effect on the day of publication in the daily press.

7. This Order shall be known as "Food Control Order (Prohibiting use of Bread as Fodder), 1951."

R. Halevy,
Food Controller.

Jerusalem, January 5, 1951.

THE BACKGROUND

There have been many cases of late of bread purchases made for the purposes of feeding livestock. Bread is intended for human consumption only. It costs the State a vast amount of foreign exchange and the Government a larger subsidy intended for keeping this prime nutritional commodity at a reduced price.

This Order is therefore introduced to prohibit farmers from using bread as fodder as well as to forbid bakers and shopkeepers the sale of bread for that purpose. As to the surplus bread supplies in bakeries and shops, arrangements will be made by district controllers for the assembly and distribution of these supplies to farms by persons authorized by them through a special permit in writing under section 2 above.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

The Committee asks all those who wish to submit complaints against economic discrimination to do same by January 31. No further complaints will be considered after that date.

S. GILAD,
Committee Secretariat,
Ministry of Trade and Industry,
Saraj Building,
Queen Melisande's Way.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 2-5: Prints from the Eitel Collection; also other recent acquisitions; Exhibit of the Month: Japanese Colour Woodcut; Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Water Colours by Joseph Kossonogi; also Permanent Exhibition by Jerusalem Artists; Artists' House.

3.30 & 8 p.m.: Two piano recitals by Pnina Salzman; Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

TEL AVIV

9-1; 3-7: Drawings by Abba, Mikra Studio, 56 Allenby Rd.

3-8: Gouaches by Elishu Sigard and Hanukka Lamps; Tel Aviv Museum.

10.30-1; 4-6: Works by members of the Zulkis-Harrmann Studio, 41 Rothschild Blvd.

8 p.m.: "Tartuffe." Chamber Theatre: Mograbi Hall.

8.30 p.m.: "Crossword No. 19." Li-La-Lo; Jaaba Heifez Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Hassan Shukri St.

Davidsson Outs Dorfmann

S. Davidsson, Swedish National Champion of India, qualified for the final of the All-India Hard Courts Tennis Championships in Bombay by defeating Irving Dorfmann, of U.S., 7/5, 6/4.

Fred Kovalski, U.S., qualified as the other finalist, when, on Sunday, he beat seasoned Jaroslav Drobny, Egypt, 6/4, 2/6, 6/3, in a hard fought game.

The Indians were eliminated from the men's doubles. In the semi finals Drobny and Davidsson beat Naresh Kumara and K.B. Madam, 8/6, 6/2, while Kovalski and Dorfmann eliminated J.M. Mehta and G. Vasant, 6/3, 6/4. Mrs R. Anderson beat Miss L. Woodbridge (India), 6/3, 6/4 to qualify for the women's single final.

BRITISH CHAMPS. BATTLE IN UNION

Four British boxing champions and a well known welterweight are to take part in a boxing show in Johannesburg on January 27, which is being organized with the backing of London's livewire promoter, Jack Solomons, who has an half interest in the show.

Eddie Thomas, the British welterweight title holder, will meet Pat Patrick, of South Africa, in a British Empire championship bout. Billy Thompson, the British lightweight champion, will meet Gerald Dreyer, and Les Allen, British welter, will face George Angelo.

Solomons left England some weeks back for the Union accompanied by Jack Gardner, the British heavyweight title holder, and Don Cockell, the British light-heavy king, both of whom will box exhibitions on the Johannesburg card.

Thomas is due to fly back to England immediately after the fight to prepare for his February 19 European title date against Michele Palermo, of Italy.

Galatasaray Win Return

The Istanbul Galatasaray soccer club edged Austria's Admira team 2-1 in a return match in Istanbul on Saturday. The home side led 1-0 at halftime. Admira beat Galatasaray 4-1 on December 30.

Just before the match an estimated 10,000 fans stood to observe a one minute's silence in memory of the late Austrian President, Karl Renner.

Prior to this game Yugoslavia's Sarajevo team defeated the Fenerbache Club of Istanbul by three goals to two.

A.E.K. Hold Austrians

Athens' A.E.K. eleven drew two-all with the visiting Austria soccer team before a crowd of 12,000 in Athens on Sunday.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 2, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
EDEN: On the Town.
EDISON: Letter from an Unknown Woman.
ORION: Fighting Seabees.
SEMADAR: Tower of London (6.30 & 8.30 p.m.).
STUDIO: Les Visiteurs du Soir.
ZION: The Lost One.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Ruhama, 28 David Yellin, 2788; Resnick, Rehov Gaza, Rehavia, 3662.
TEL AVIV: Dr. Kolberg, 23 Allenby, 2386; Zwicker, 27 Sheinkin, 3635; Yellin, 1 Hahashmal, 3137; Yaffa, 172 Ben Yehuda, 6542; Varesano & Medger, 3 340th St., Jaffa, 80793; Heral, 54 Herzl, Ramat Gan; Briut, 7 Syrkin, Givatayim.
HAIFA: Hadar, 21 Prophets, 3944; Hagalil, 19 Allenby; Shomron, Kiryat Motzkin, 7202.

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Tickets:
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"ORLI," 20 Allenby Road.
"ROBERT'S," 116 Dizengoff Road.
JAFFA:
"KANAF," 9 Boustros Street
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HOLON: Armon
Tomorrow at 8 p.m.
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Gipsy Baron

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Only a limited number of invitations will be issued and for all those who participated in the same event last year, places will be secured until January 20.
No tickets will be sold and personal invitations may be received from the Committee (Tel. 5533).
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WIRELESS PROGRAMMES

TEL AVIV: 42.9, 33.3 & 522 M.; JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m. 6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music: E. Aharon. 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 11.00 Concert Hall: Overture "Il Seraglio" (Mozart); Concerto in D minor (Bach); Sinfonia in E flat major (Jirovec); Suite "Mozartian" (Tchaikovsky). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 12.20 Programme for the Working Women. 12.30 Programme for Hospitals: Jazz (R). 1.00 Soldiers' Programme (R). 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.30 Siesta (R). 4.50 Early Spanish Piano Music: Sonia Valdes. 5.30 Chess Corner. 5.45 Mouth Organ Recital: Eliezer Gredi. 6.15 "News from the Arab World," by G. Weigert. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Light Music (R). 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 "With the Army to Immigrants' Settlements." 9.00 Cello Recital: Yaacov Menae. 9.30 Agricultural News. 9.45 Vocal Recital: Josepha Schocken. 10.50 Dance Music (R). 11.12 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.30 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Rumanian; 8.15 p.m. Hungarian.

Kol Zion Lagola (32.3 M.): 12.00 Newsreel. 12.15 "A visit to the Weizmann Institute. 12.30 Vocal Recital: Leo Fuld.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.32 and 24.92 M.): 6.30 News. 6.40 News Talk. 6.45 Youth Programme.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (220 M. & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Community Singing. 7.00 Sketch. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 "The Soldier as a Civilian," by D. Hivin. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.55 Tomorrow's "Ramachanesh." 9.00 Symphony Concert. 10.00 Close Down.

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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	(A)	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	—	4	10	11
Haifa	83	7	15	18
Hakirya	67	10	13	19
Lydda Airport	75	9	18	19
Jerusalem	73	6	11	12

FORECAST: Fair.

(A) Humidity at 8 pm. yesterday
(B) Minimum temp. yesterday.
(C) Maximum temp. yesterday.
(D) Maxim. temp. expected today

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Contracts covering 4,760 new units of immigrant housing in various parts of the country were concluded during December by the Housing Division of the Ministry of Labour. 500 units will be set up for ex-soldiers in Kibbutzim. Housing will also be erected for the police in Beersheba.

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Seven men were arrested in Jerusalem yesterday for resisting Police efforts to eject a group of immigrants from a war-damaged building in Julian's Way.

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Two workmen were slightly injured in Jaffa yesterday when the roof of a condemned house which they were demolishing collapsed. A third worker escaped unhurt.

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30 tons of plywood from Afikim and 30 tons of chocolate were exported to England yesterday.

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Reuven Argeman, of Magdiel, was shot and wounded in the head on Sunday night while at work. The footprints of four men were found leading to the border. ..... **Lengths** of piping and machine parts valued at IL.500 were stolen on Monday night from a J.N.F. storage depot near Kola. The footprints of 14 men were found leading to the border. ..... **A ram** and 24 chickens were stolen on Monday night from Menasseh Unter, of Kfar Menahem. He was fired on four times. The footprints of four men were found leading to the border.

Jobless Demonstrate Again in Migdal Gad

MIGDAL GAD, Tuesday. — In a repetition of yesterday's unemployment demonstration here, 13 men were arrested this morning when they again broke into the Local Council and Histadrut offices, and smashed furniture.

The demonstrators new immigrants from the Yemen and Iraq, claim discrimination against them in handing out work.

Animals Unloaded For J'lem Zoo

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A consignment of animals for the Jerusalem zoo were unloaded today in Haifa port. They included three deer, two lamas, four swans and two bean geese.

One of the geese escaped, and defied the efforts of a port worker, who jumped into the water, and a chase by a harbour boat. It could not be ascertained this evening whether the bird had been retrieved.

BREAD WASTE TO BE CONTROLLED

The use, sale, or transfer of bread for livestock fodder will be forbidden in an order to be published today. Waste from bakeries and food stores will be distributed among farmers according to arrangements made by District Food Controllers.

Ration News

JERUSALEM—Onions: 500 grams, 257; visitors, 33. January card. Tomatoes: 250 grams, 258, distribution in zone 1. Carrots: 250 grams, 235, distribution in zone 4. Meat substitute: 3 eggs, Kaf 9, all branches of Tnuva, Tenna, or El Al. Rations for ill persons: persons with Medical Association permits may receive frozen meat at Zemel, 29 Keren Kayemet; Hummer, Rehov Zephanya; and Misrahi, Mahane Yehuda.

TEL AVIV and DISTRICT — Fish: carp, 150 grams, Shin Gimel 21; visitors, 42; tourists, 11; distribution in zone 7 Turkish, Shin-Gimel 27, distribution in zones 4, 6 ends today. Tomatoes: 250 grams, Tav 250, distribution in zone 1. Carrots: 150 grams, Tav 248, distribution in zone 8. Onions: 500 grams, Tav 252; visitors, 41; tourists, 15; distribution in zones 3-4. Potatoes: 3 kilos, Tav 251; visitors, 39; tourists, 16; distribution ends Friday. Chicken: 250 grams, Shin-Dalet 6, distribution in Ramat Gan ends Friday.; ill persons in villages, 750 grams, Het Aleph 2; 600 grams, Het Bet 2; 500 grams, Het Dalet 2; distribution ends tomorrow.

Clothes Points Adjusted To Lower Rural Standards

Minister of Trade and Industry Yaacov Geri yesterday told the Knesset that it was not the intention of his Ministry to issue full clothing and footware quotas to Arab villagers at this time. The Minister was answering a question put by Tewfik Toubi (Communists), why villagers had not yet been issued clothing ration points.

Mr. Geri said that the rationing programme had been instituted to ensure the minimum supply of essential goods for the population.

Since rural Arab consumption of clothing and leather goods had always been lower than that of the rest of the country, no attempt to equalize the difference could be made at present without lowering the standard throughout the country.

Plea for Equality

Mr. Toubi then asked whether shortages justified discrimination and whether the discrimination was in accordance with the Government's promise of equality in Israel. In reply, the Minister asked that the question be submitted to him in writing.

Replying to a question put by Mr. Idov Cohen (Progressives) on the procedure in the sale of Absentee Property, Minister of Finance Eliezer Kaplan said that real estate was sold only to the development authorities, and at prices no lower than the tax assessments, and that other property was sold at public auction after adequate preliminary notice in the press.

Eighty per cent of machinery and technical equipment under the jurisdiction of the Custodian of Absentee Property was sold to the army, Government or Jewish Agency, he said. The remainder was dispensed to private individuals on the recommendation of the Defence Ministry's Rehabilitation Department and the Ministry of Agriculture. As regards the sale of the "Golden Spindle" textile plant to Hamashbir Hamerkazi last February, the Finance Minister said that no discrimination was to be seen in the transfer, as a similar factory "Al Amri," was sold to private businessmen several months later.

Mr. Geri, replying for Rabbi J.L. Maimon to a query by Mr. Z. Gluska, (Yemenites), said that ordinary cotton prayer shawls and physitery laces would be sold without ration points.

"There was no expenditure on the private residences of Cabinet Ministers," Mr. Kaplan said in reply to a question by Mr. Y. Bar Yehuda (Mapam), on the registration of Government property. "The Prime Minister's official residence only was furnished by the Government, and everything it contains is listed with the Government assets." Minister of the Police B.S. Shitreet denied that the police had "even considered" inviting R. Shindler, a former British Intelligence officer, to serve in its ranks.

New Negev Outpost Near Hagar's Well

By Hugh Orgel, POST Reporter

TEL YERUHAM, (Central Negev), Tuesday. — In an operation similar to those carried out during Mandatory days, a new settlement was set up within a few hours in an isolated area today.

When the 30-vehicle convoy carrying the equipment for the new *ma'abara* wound its way southward from Beersheba shortly after dawn this morning the area set aside for the village was a barren plateau.

By noon, the first three metal huts and seven tents were already up, and the communal kitchen had already prepared meals for the workers and guests. By this evening the *ma'abara* was due to be completed, with all tents and central buildings finished, and a barbed wire fence surrounding the whole area.

Details of the new village had been worked out during the past fortnight by the Jewish Agency's Absorption Department, the Ministry of Labour, and Soleh Boneh, the last being responsible for construction. Today's convoy carried every item required by the *ma'abara* in its first stages, including food, gas cookers and ice boxes for the kitchen. Saplings, their roots packed in old petrol cans and small tins, were also taken.

Radio Contact

Among the other stores offloaded were radio transmitting and receiving sets, which will maintain contact with the settled areas.

Tel Yeruham is designed to provide work and homes for 150 families, who will mainly be drawn from newcomers from hill regions in Kurdistan and Iraq. They will immediately find permanent employment in the nearby Even V'Sid quarries, on the repairing of the "Petroleum Road" built by the British to link the main Beersheba-Auja road with the oil-prospecting camps in the Negev, and in the Government-Solel Boneh Company which has already begun to exploit the mineral wealth of the "Great Canyon," a few kilometres south of the village.

Hagar's Well

The *ma'abara* is plentifully supplied with water. The well at the foot of the plateau is traditionally the one which appeared to Hagar, wife of Avraham, after she had "departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba." According to the Biblical account, she had left her son Ishmail a short distance away, so as not to watch him die from thirst, when "God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water, and she went and filled the bottle with water and gave the lad drink." Arabs named the well "Bir Rukhma," the well of mercy.

Today's celebration marked the first anniversary of the Jewish Agency's plans for the establishment of *ma'abaros* as a new form of settlement for newcomers. Since then, 58 such temporary work camps have been established, with 15,000 families. By the end of February 21,000 families will have been settled in this manner, at 70 places throughout the country.

Tel Yeruham will not for long remain the only settlement in this area. A second *ma'abara* is to be set up in a few weeks' time.

350,000 Examined For Tuberculosis

About 350,000 persons were examined for tuberculosis during the past year in the immunization campaign conducted by the Public Health Department of the Ministry of Health.

Of these, 177,000 were found to have no natural resistance to the disease and were inoculated.

A total of 1,100 beds for tuberculosis patients are now maintained by the Ministry of Health, Malben, Kupat Holim, Hadassah and the Anti-Tuberculosis League.

A tuberculosis hospital for 42 Arab patients will soon be completed in Nazareth.

1,500 Pilgrims Crossed Lines

About 1,500 Holy Year pilgrims crossed the Jerusalem-Old City lines at Mandelbaum Gate during 1950, it was reported yesterday.

Since the Vatican extended the Holy Year into 1951, Israel authorities have decided to retain the same arrangements for crossing. These include the right of pilgrims to enter Israel from Jordan and return to Jordan if they wish, and to leave Israel through Mandelbaum Gate.

IL.10,000 Pica Loans To Two Settlements

HAIFA, Tuesday — Ginnosar and Mahanayim settlements are to receive loans of IL.10,000 each from the Pica Association, for the extension of irrigation works.

More than 1,000 dunams allotted to Ginnosar settlement by Pica in 1948 will be irrigated, and Mahanayim will be connected to the Maiha spring-water scheme in Upper Galilee.

A collection of used clothing and furniture for distribution among new immigrants is being organized by the Social Welfare Department of the Jerusalem Municipality. Voluntary workers will be required. Those interested in assisting or donating to the scheme should call at the Department or phone 4420.

False Bottoms Hold 413 Watches

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A large-scale smuggling attempt was prevented by a vigilant customs officer in Haifa Port, when he spotted 413 wrist watches in the false bottoms of a tourist's luggage.

A woman passenger arriving from Marseilles in the s.s. Ariza this evening opened four suitcases for examination. The customs officer found nothing, but thought two of them unduly heavy. Inspecting them closer he found they were constructed with double bottoms. The woman has been detained.

Double Jeopardy Plea Rejected

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The District Court today continued to hear the case against Avraham and Daniel Behar after rejecting defence counsel's request that the case be discontinued on the grounds that the accused were being tried a second time for the same offence.

The accused are charged with the murder of four Arab women near Khalsa on July 29, 1948.

Mr. Uriel Gornitzki, stating the case for the prosecution, said that the offence was committed when the accused were soldiers, and at a time when groups of Arabs roamed the hills near Manara. Two Army squads caught four Arab women, and escorted them toward Khalsa.

On the way, the accused shot the women in the presence of their Samal, the prosecution said. The incident was reported to the commanding officer, and the accused were arrested.

The hearing will be continued tomorrow.

Banek to Face District Court

Ruling that there was sufficient evidence to try Andre Banek on 12 war crime charges, Dr. M. Peretz, Jerusalem Magistrate, yesterday ordered the accused to be held for trial in the District Court.

Banek showed no sign of emotion as he listened to Dr. Peretz cite the charges against him. They include the murder of a three-year-old Jewish child, extorting money from Jews in Slovakia during the world war, causing the deportation of Jews, and being a member of the fascist Hlinka Guards.

The Court ruling followed a preliminary inquiry that lasted several months.

Default Charged In Art Sale Payments

The first hearing will be held today of a suit entered in the Jerusalem District Court against the Jewish National Fund for breach of a contract it had signed with Mrs. Elza Kessner of Haifa whose art collection was purchased by the Fund in 1945.

Mrs. Kessner stated that the J.N.F. undertook to pay her IL.45 monthly for the rest of her life in addition to an initial payment of IL.6,000.

Last January the J.N.F. informed her that they considered the contract void since it was charged that a number of the pictures were not originals, among them a painting named "Samson and Delilah," supposedly by Rembrandt.

The plaintiff claims that she had informed the J.N.F. that she knew nothing of the collection's value before the contract was signed.

'HADOR' MUST ANSWER CONTEMPT CHARGE

The Supreme Court in Jerusalem yesterday ordered the afternoon newspaper "Hador" to show cause why it should not be punished for contempt of court. The paper published articles on Yousef Abu Ghosh who is facing an inquiry into an attempted murder charge.

U.S. Interest in Middle East Still High, Says British M.P.

By Robert Gary, Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.S. interest in the Middle East has not diminished although the responsibility for its defence has been assigned to Britain, Mr. Ian Mikardo, British M.P. who is visiting Israel, told The Post in an interview.

"Recent reports that the Americans were unconcerned about this area apparently stemmed from the fact that the British assumed responsibility for defending it," Mr. Mikardo said.

"But America is as interested now as ever before. In giving Britain the military responsibility it was simply a matter of partners distributing jobs among themselves."

Furthermore, Mr. Mikardo maintained, the Imperial General Staff is convinced that the Middle East can be defended successfully. "The military authorities attach as much importance to this sphere as they ever did," he said.

Sudan's the Price

Concerning current Anglo-Egyptian relations, Mr. Mikardo observed that Britain is reaching the point where it realizes that "a deal" cannot be struck with Cairo except on the basis of surrendering the Sudan.

"In their negotiations with the Egyptians, Mr. Mikardo said, the British authorities "might be tougher if they had an alternative place to establish military bases, such as in the southern Negev."

"This is a price that will not be paid," he said.

On the other hand, Mr. Mikardo noted, the Egyptian authorities are in a ticklish political spot since they have become the "victims of their own propaganda." Cairo, he said, cannot retreat in its demands on the Sudan for fear that the government might fall on the issue.

Turning away from the international scene, Mr. Mikardo, who is an industrial consultant, reported that he was especially interested in studying Israel's economic development. He has been visiting numerous factories and has shown as much interest in their production methods as he has shown in his visits with the country's leading personalities.

Israel Draws Closer To West—'Times'

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — "The Times" said today that the marked improvement in relations between Britain and Israel during the last few months is itself among the factors that have drawn Israel closer to the West. In an editorial on the statement on foreign policy by Mr. Ben Gurion, the paper said:

"The political interests which Israel shares with the Western Powers are reinforced by the developing economic ties... Only in the Western countries are Jews sufficiently prosperous to give the help needed (for absorbing immigrants).

"Without the support of American Jews, the Government of Israel could not maintain its policy of unrestricted immigration or close the gulf between import and export. The success of the American bond issue that is to be launched this spring is necessary if Israel is to escape a major economic crisis.

"It is on foreign capital from the West that Israel has to rely to foster healthy economic development. This does not mean that Israel is in any danger of becoming a puppet. Her independence of action and her capacity to defend herself are conditions of the support which she received from the Jews everywhere."

Gefen Case Explained In Knesset Question

Charges of criminal neglect leading to the death of seven patients in her charge were dropped in the trial of Mrs. Rivka Gefen because of insufficient evidence, Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen told the Knesset yesterday. The statement was made in reply to a question.

Mrs. Gefen, former director of the "Merapeh" mental home, was sentenced to one and a half years' imprisonment and fined IL.5,000 following her conviction for causing the death of Shlomo Teiber, also a patient in the institution.

According to Mr. Rosen, the seven files eliminated during the trial on the recommendation of the Attorney General could not have brought a conviction because malicious intent against any single individual could not be proved.

Police investigations between April 4, 1948, and January 1, 1949, had indicated that 24 patients died in the home. Five autopsies identified the causes of death as either tuberculosis or typhus.

In these cases, only general neglect could be proved, while in the Teiber case, adequate evidence and a confession by Mrs. Gefen led to her conviction.

Cables in Brief

LONDON Police who have been searching for Westminster Abbey's coronation stone last night received reports that a bronze sword was missing from the figure of Britannia at the base of a statue of Lord Clyde, Indian mutiny hero, in the West End of London.

TOKYO and Yokohama rocked yesterday morning for forty seconds in the most severe earthquake in this region since the war. It cut water and power mains in Yokohama, but police stated there was no damage in the capital.

EDOUARD HERRIOT, 78-year-old former Prime Minister, was yesterday re-elected President of the French National Assembly. M. Herriot had held the position since 1946 when the Fourth Republic was established.

EHRENBURG — The Swiss Federal Council has refused Soviet writer Ilya Ehrenburg a visa to enter Switzerland for the meeting of the bureau of the World Peace Council which opens tomorrow in Geneva, it was officially stated yesterday.

RESERVISTS — The U.S. navy announced yesterday that it would order 47,000 reservists to active duty during April, May, and June.

U.S. Dependants In Hong Kong to Leave

HONG KONG, Tuesday (AP) — The U.S. Consulate General said today it would warn all American citizens in the British crown colony tomorrow to evacuate their dependents because of the "deterioration of the situation in the Far East."

Consul-General Walter P. McConaughy told correspondents at a special news conference that the warning is "more or less precautionary" and that no actual emergency is foreseen.

The circular urged Americans "seriously to consider the advisability of evacuating their dependants and effects at this time while normal transportation facilities are freely available."

Three American companies announced last week they are moving the dependants of their Hong Kong personnel.

In Washington, the State Department said the advice was given on the initiative of Mr. McConaughy.

LIE TO VISIT CAIRO

U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie has accepted an invitation from the Arab League to visit its H.Q. in Cairo within a few weeks, Azzam Pasha, League Secretary-General, told correspondents in Cairo yesterday, according to the Near East Broadcasting Station. Mr. Lie's visit may coincide with the meeting of the League's general council, Azzam Pasha said.

CHILE and Brazil signed agreements in Washington yesterday for the purchase of two American cruisers each to strengthen Western Hemisphere defences. The ships are classed as surplus.

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ROBERT and ELLY POLITZER
wish to thank their friends for the expressions of sympathy on the death of their son
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Suddenly and unexpectedly, my dear husband, our beloved father, grandfather, brother and uncle,
Mr. Alfred Gruenpeter
passed away at the age of 83.
In deep sorrow,
Gertrud Gruenpeter (nee Hausdorff)
Ernst and Thea Wolff (nee Gruenpeter)
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In the matter of Arnost Gugenheimer of London, deceased, died in London on 3.3.1925.
Petitioner: Alice Grosvenor (formerly Gugenheimer) of London.
Let all persons take notice that Mrs. Alice Grosvenor (formerly Gugenheimer), has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an Order declaring the Succession to Arnost Gugenheimer of London, deceased, and that the said application will be heard on the 9 day of February 1951 at 10 a.m.
All persons claiming any interest must appear before this Court at the said time, otherwise such Order will be made as to the Court seems right.
S. BAZI,
Registrar District Court,
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In the District Court, Jerusalem
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In the Matter of: Joania Yorki Mizirtis Babayani, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, United States of America, Deceased.
Petitioners: Mary Mizirtis and George Mizirtis, Elizabeth, New Jersey, U.S.A., represented by Dr. Joseph Rosner, Adv., Jerusalem.
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All persons claiming any interest must appear at the said place and time, otherwise such order will be made as to the Court seems right.
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SOME concern has been felt in this country at the views freely attributed in recent weeks and days to "Israel circles," "Israel quarters," or even "Israel," plain and simple. These views have been appearing with increasing frequency in newspapers abroad, in the stories of special correspondents and in other news media. "Israel" is alleged to hold this or that view, "Israel opinion" is reported to favour one side or another.

SNOWBALL RUMOURS

Such accounts of what are supposed to be trends of thought or opinion may be written in sincerity and good faith, but it is unfortunate that they are liable to create a misleading impression, particularly abroad. Without saying so explicitly, such reports inevitably lead readers to believe that they reflect the policy, or nuances of policy, of the Israel Government. It was in this way that a totally unfounded impression was built up last month that Mr. David Ben Gurion, in his address to the Knesset on the Civil Defence Bill, was about to enunciate some radical change in the foreign policy of his Government. In the event, the Prime Minister restated in the clearest language the familiar principles upon which Israel's foreign policy rests.

The speech came as a healthy corrective to much loose thinking and irresponsible rumour-mongering that had been snowballing through Israel and the world press on the subject of Israel's place on the international scene. This country's policy has been affirmed and reaffirmed so often that there can be little excuse for misunderstanding. It is therefore to be hoped that tendentious reports, however frequently they may appear, will not mislead that section of the public which studies foreign affairs with more than superficial interest.

Brussels Welcomes Gen. Eisenhower

BRUSSELS, Tuesday (AP).— General Eisenhower came to this ancient European battleground today with a demand for strong troops and a promise that with them Western civilization could be preserved "without fighting."

Brussels was the General's second stop on a tour that began on Sunday in Paris and will ultimately take him to all the Atlantic Pact countries.

Today, as in Paris, he was welcomed by officials of the Government and by American military and diplomatic personnel.

He has been warmly welcomed by the press, which also welcomed the Truman statement that defence of Europe was a necessary part of the defence of America.

Earlier, in Paris, the Communist campaign against the General's presence in France fizzled out when only a few groups of demonstrators turned up at Hotel Astoria, his temporary H.Q.

POVERTY AND POLITICS IN CASABLANCA'S GHETTO

Moroccan Jewry Turns to Israel

By Ben Oyserman

CASABLANCA. — ONE of the most important potential sources of immigration this side of the Atlantic is French Morocco, which has well over 200,000 Jews among its eight millions of Moslems.

It is difficult to ascertain when this great Jewish community drifted and integrated itself into this Arab land, which physically and climatically closely resembles Israel, but it is known that a great proportion of the community are of Spanish origin and that they came over the Straits of Gibraltar during the Spanish Inquisition drifting southwards as far as the snow peaked caps of the Atlas Mountains.

In Morocco, the Jewish community is dispersed throughout the country, and many are engaged in agriculture in the villages.

Political Aspects

Morocco is not a member of the Arab League, neither has she achieved her independence. She is still a French protectorate, and the wave of Arab nationalism which has been sweeping the Middle East has had little impact on the average Moroccan. It is one of the least developed Arab countries, and will most probably be one of the last to regain complete independence.

From what I have personally witnessed recently, the Jewish community lives in comparative peace although confined to ghettoes. It is true that as late as 1948 a pogrom took place in a small town just south of the Tunisian border, and that about 40 Jewish inhabitants were massacred. This happened during the Israel war of liberation, when anti-Jewish feeling was running high, but on the whole the two communities mix freely. Nevertheless, I was told by local Jews that they really have no status, that the Arab is always in the right, even in the law courts. Consequently, the Jewish population keeps more or less to itself and endeavours not to become involved either in political or other issues which may lead to disturbances or agitation.

Casablanca's Ghetto

The average Moroccan Jew can easily be distinguished from the native Arab due to his black garments and little black skull cap, which contrasts vividly with the white Arab turbans. A small proportion, mostly those of the villages, are engaged in agriculture and are generally in a better state of health than their brethren in the towns.

Casablanca, Morocco's largest city, with a population of 600,000, has over 70,000 Jews, of which 50,000 live in the infamous ghetto called the "Melleh" which is still encircled by a high wall. The remaining 20,000 inhabit the new European city where they enjoy a considerably higher standard of living, and many of them are well-to-do. The "Melleh" is a ghetto in the full sense of the word, narrow streets, heavily congested tumble-down houses and shacks, no sanitation or sewers, poverty and filth wherever one walks. Sometimes as many as twelve to fourteen persons live in one room not much larger than nine feet square. Little wonder that most of the community suffer from some sort of sickness, the most prevalent being trachoma, and ring worm of the scalp for most of the children, and many cases of syphilis.

The majority of the Moroccan Jews are small tradesmen, craftsmen, pedlars and beggars, and many of them, especially those of the ghettoes, are nearly starving.

Economy

A great percentage of them are pious, and the children attend Cheder even in the ghetto.

They have little information as to what is actually happening in Israel, but there is a great desire to migrate. These aspirations are not due just to Zionism, as they look upon Israel as a possible haven and escape from the economic depression in which they are rooted.

The general awakening and interest shown in Israel may be observed among the poorer classes, whilst those Jews who inhabit the European quarters and have attained a higher standard of living have very little interest in the new State.

Since Israel has no diplomatic relations with Morocco, all Zionist activities are carried on quietly. Nevertheless, there is considerable activity, and in spite of all the restrictions and difficulties, all political parties are well represented, from extreme left to the extreme right.

Parties and Politics

The "Shlihim" or party representatives, who are mostly from Israel, have concentrated on the establishment of youth centres, and are constantly busy sifting the ghetto in search of children for their clubs. Once a child or youth has enlisted in such a club, his or her chances of migration to Israel are considerably enhanced. There have been cases of individuals registering with several parties simultaneously in order to make sure of a place.

Near Casablanca there is a large transit camp. Once a particular group has been formed, and received approval from Paris or New York to migrate, it is assembled at this camp, given passports and travelling documents and then conveyed secretly to the port of embarkation from where the immigrants leave for Marseilles and Israel.

The Youth Aliyah organisation is well established and after a period of a little over a year, more than 1,200 children have been selected and sent to Israel.

At the present time conditions have considerably deteriorated, the French authorities have increased their restrictions, and several of the "Shlihim" have been compelled to leave the country.

Above is the entrance to Casablanca's ghetto, the "Melleh," which is surrounded by a high wall. Below: A family living in the "Melleh." Photos by Oyserman

Party Struggle For Austrian Presidency

By G.E.R. Gedye

VIENNA — THE sudden death on New Year's Eve of Austria's 80-year-old President, Dr. Karl Renner, has created a difficult situation for the Government and incidentally given the Communists an opportunity to create new trouble.

Under the Constitution, during the temporary indisposition of the President, he can be represented by the Chancellor for 21 days. Then Parliament can appoint a Deputy to take his place. But on the death or permanent retirement of the President his successor, under Article 64 of the Constitution, must be elected by national referendum. Until the new President takes the oath the Chancellor can fulfil the presidential duties. When the Constitution was passed it was not, of course, expected that the occupation would still continue up till 1951. The holding of a referendum at the present juncture would offer the Russians and the Communists a chance to cause fresh trouble.

Constitutional Problem

The Government parties, the Catholic-Conservative *Volkspartei* and the Social Democratic Party, would, therefore, prefer to amend the Constitution so that the new President could be elected by Parliament on this occasion.

The difficulty is that any amendment to the Constitution requires the unanimous agreement of the four Occupying Powers on the Allied Council. As the Social Democrats provided the last President who was elected with the support of the *Volkspartei*, this party is now demanding that they should supply the new President. In view of the present strength of parties, and in order to avoid a party struggle over a matter which has no real party significance, it is probable that the Socialists would be ready to agree to this and give their support to a *Volkspartei* candidate.

If the election were to be a Parliamentary one this would present no difficulty. But the chances are that the Russians, on Communist instigation, would refuse consent to the necessary Constitutional law. The Communist calculation is that the Socialist Left Wing would never vote for a *Volkspartei* candidate and that they therefore expect to get a limited number of Socialist votes for a Communist candidate, despite the impossibility of his election, and thus might be able to show a fictitious increase in strength.

The most likely *Volkspartei* man would be the Governor of Upper Austria, Dr. Gleissner, who enjoyed the close confidence of Dr. Renner and is noted for his efficiency, democratic feelings and ability in his present post. He would be acceptable to most Socialists except those who cannot forget that, under orders from Chancellor Dollfuss, he set up counter-revolutionary courts in Linz to try Socialists arrested after the civil war of February 1934.

Party Candidates

The most likely Socialist candidate is Oscar Helmer, the present Minister of the Interior, and a staunch opponent of Communism. The People's Party might also support the candidature of Professor Adamovitch, the greatest expert on constitutional law. But as it was he who drew up the Fascist totalitarian constitution for Dollfuss's "corporate state" in 1934, it is unlikely that the Socialists would give him their support.

A contest between a *Volkspartei* and a Socialist candidate at a national referendum would almost certainly result in a deadlock necessitating one or more repetitions of the referendum, since the successful candidate must gain more than 50 per cent of all the votes cast.

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Readers' Letters

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—On the roof of the Old Bailey in London stands a stone figure of a goddess holding the scales of justice, evenly balanced, as a symbol of supreme justice.

I suggest that any judge who has to deal with a case involving death on the road, take a good look at it, as it might remind him of the relatives of the people who were killed at the hands of a reckless driver.

To sentence such a criminal to nine months imprisonment is not dealing out justice. In any other country this driver would have received at least five years' imprisonment and maybe his licence would have been suspended for life. Such a man should not again be entrusted with a vehicle.

But to consider the family status in sentencing this criminal who probably bereaved other families by his negligence, is nothing more than misplaced mercy.

Yours, etc.,
ARTHUR M. LIPSHITZ
Haifa, January 8.

PACKAGE PROBLEM

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Last week I received a package containing two shirts and some canned food. The duty and luxury tax on the shirts was IL.1.050 (these shirts retail for about $2.00 each). When I complained about the high duty, the clerk told me "you can always sell them."

I tried to leave the shirts at the Post Office and just pay the duty for the food, but the clerk told me this was impossible. I either had to pay the duty and luxury tax for the shirts, or the whole package would be sent back to the States and my father (who sent me the package) would have to pay the return postage.

Couldn't some system be worked out whereby one isn't practically forced to accept a whole package? These shirts or anything else that costs so much duty, could be donated, duty free to a *ma'abara* camp, since the return postage is often almost as much as the duty.

Yours, etc.,
PAUL J. KOHN
Jerusalem, Jan. 5.

HELP NEEDED

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Would "Jerusalemite" give exact address to whom to send clothes, kitchen utensils, household goods and inform the public who will be responsible for the distribution as social work has to be done in a disciplinary and well organized way.

Yours, etc.
MARION HOOFIEN
8, Balfour St., Talbieh.
January 9.

COOP WANTED

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Migdal Gad wants a Hamashbir Store although the Merchants Association protested the opening. I speak in the name of many immigrants in Migdal Gad who prefer a cooperative shop to private enterprises which are only interested in making as much money as possible in the shortest period of time.

H. POWER
Migdal Gad, Dec. 28.

JERUSALEM ART NOTES

Permanent Show at Artists' House

THE re-opened Permanent Exhibition "Jerusalem Artists" at the Artists' House gains in importance through local circumstances: The Bezalel Museum has seldom enough space at its disposal to show its collection of contemporary artists, and the "Permanent Exhibition" is the only place for the itinerant art lover to get a general idea of modern art in Jerusalem. He will not be disappointed—the new selection is representative and gives an instructive cross-section of styles and trends.

The best exhibit, without doubt, are Aschheim's pen and wash drawings of Nazareth, clear and distinct in line, well balanced in sparse colour. The best "Still Life" on show is Mrs. Aschheim-Lange's contribution. Of graphic art, the new coloured woodcuts by Steinhardt are my choice. Two sound impressionist landscapes prove Singer's right to the nickname "The Guardi of Jerusalem."

Matuszczak's Patterns

The water colours by Matuszczak, as always, strike one as comical at first glance. They are, however, beautiful as a pattern and exquisite in their scale of colour. Mrs. Krakauer's surrealist composition is lovely in an ice-cold manner. Slutzkal's water colours are captivating. Of Mach's contributions I prefer the very Italianate "Ain Karim" to a rather crude "Street Scene" in oil. Ruth Bamberger is more convincing in decorative designs than in free compositions. The primitive landscape by Glica is amusing but not more. Dublon's "Wood" in the Cezanne manner has quality. This painter should come out with a One-Man Show.

Schacherl's "Desert Hills" are extremely well drawn but in so desert-dry a manner. Raban's miniatures are all too arty and crafty. Blum has sent some of his standard pictures. One remembers having seen far better pictures by Pins than these on show. Levy's "Olive Grove" is an empty and superficial painting. Rieger's "Dead Chicken" remains dead despite all its lively colours. The sex appeal of Rothenberg's "Nude" is drawn from both "Esquire" and Abel Pann.

The works of Sima, Grau and David formed part of recent One-Man Shows and have been discussed in this column. Of Traub's "Streets at Night" I prefer the interesting monotype to the oil. Sternheim has not yet found the way back from Paris. One knows how extremely gifted she is and how good she could be again, were she to forget all her Parisian mannerisms and only to use the feeling for pattern and balanced colour she has acquired in France.

Traub Promising

Amongst the all too few sculptors, Lazarus Traub is a promising newcomer. Both his wood carvings are excellent in line and movement. The smaller one is a mature work of sculpture. Brandenburg shows a fine terracotta "Head." One would like to see more of his work. Miranda's "Head" is less soapy than his previous works. He is technically one of our best sculptors, but should avoid over-polished surfaces.

In general, except for Aschheim's "Nazareth" series, the woodcuts by Steinhardt, the new water colours by Matuszczak and, perhaps, Singer's oils, the regular patron of Jerusalem's exhibitions will not find much that is new or surprising in this show. But the tourist, the visitor interested in the Capital's art life, cannot afford to miss it. The "Permanent Exhibition" deserves to be included in all sightseeing programmes for Jerusalem.

Th. F.M.

MUSICAL DIARY

AS could be foreseen, this season is disappointing as compared to that season of seasons — 1949-1950. The absence of the I.P.O. for the first quarter of 1951 is, of course, a void not easily filled. But a systematic policy concerning guest artists from abroad is also required.

Concert managements announce as "world-famous" artists who are unknown even to the experts. If such music hall attractions were presented in a country with a stable musical tradition, in addition to a regular musical season, there would be no objection. But instead of suitable orchestral concerts, chamber music, and recitals, to offer so-called film and variety stars seems to us questionable.

Irresponsibility is so great, that after the blunder with Tino Rossi, we learn of a similar engagement of a famous German dancer with a doubtful record in the Nazi regime. Some of these artists are eager to star in Israel to clean their names.

Care must be taken that our musical life, which had a high standard and reputation, does not lapse into provincial manners.

"The Bat" at the Met.

Rudolf Bing, the new General Manager of the New York Metropolitan Opera, gave the old house an infusion of vitamins recently with the new production of Verdi's "Don Carlos," and one of the greatest triumphs of Met's 67 years recently with the revival of Johann Strauss' "Fledermaus" (The Bat), directed by Garson Kanin and conducted by Eugene Ormandy, two newcomers.

"Time"-Magazine called it "a shot of bubbles and champagne." "The Bat" has not been shown at the Met since 1905. In the meantime, there was the famous Broadway-production "Gay Rosalinda" by Reinhardt and Korngold. Ljuba Welitch played gay Rosalinda, 25-year-old coloratura Patrice Munsel (as Adele) was charming, and mezzo-soprano Rise Stevens brought the house down in the "man's part" of the bored young host, Prince Orlofsky.

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